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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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***PATENT***

In re application of: Langhammer et al.

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Application No.: 09/975,094

Examiner: **CALLAHAN, PAUL E**

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROTECTING DESIGNS IN SRAM-  
BASED PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC  
DEVICES AND LIKE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**With RCE**

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Please consider the following amendments and remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 6, 2007. This Amendment is being filed with an RCE.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.